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☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.

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DE 195 32 171 A1 – Abstract provided.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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